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Company

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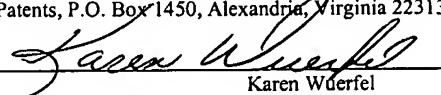
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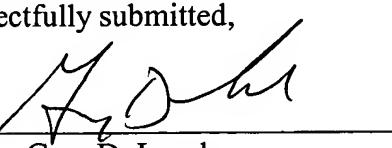
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office notify Applicants' attorney of the current status of the above-identified application following the Amendment After Final Action submitted on April 7, 2005 in response to the final Office action mailed April 5, 2005. The PAIR database indicates that the application was allowed per the April 18, 2005 entry "Issue Revision Completed," however, Applicants have yet to receive a Notice of Allowance or Notice of Allowability. Previous PAIR entries following the Amendment After Final indicated "Allowance Counted." The undersigned left voicemails with Art Unit 1761 concerning the status but has not received a reply.

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